

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Thorsten Johann et al.

Application No.: 10/584,758

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Examiner: T. D. Dang

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

**REMARKS**

The Office has provisionally rejected claims 6-8 over claims 4-7 of co-pending application 10/584,785, claims 6-9 over claims 5-10 of co-pending application 10/584,783 and claims 6-9 over claim 7-18 of co-pending application 11/718,814. Applicants note that the present application was filed on June 27, 2006 and Application Nos. 10/584,785 and 10/584,783 and 11/718,814 were filed on July 17, 2006, June 28, 2006 and May 8, 2007, respectively, which is after the filing date of the present application.

If the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections are the only rejections remaining in this earlier filed application, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw these rejections (see MPEP § 804(I)(i)).